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Dear Mr. Cochran,

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I write on the chance I may be able to be of help to you in the case you reportedly have of a Black Panther who was framed by the FBI. I'm not able to travel much with safety so I've not been able to get to a Martindale-Hubbell to get your address. I'm 82, in impaired health, and rather limited, so please excuse my typing.

What impels me to write now and to ask a Los Angeles friend to get your address and remail this to you is yesterday's testimony by SA Hartz. Have I had ^{that} experience with ~~that~~ perjury-loving FBI lab agents! I enclose not only an unusual endorsement but what you may find to be the most unusual (and successful!) defense against ~~und~~denied FBI perjury.

That lawsuit was the first filed under the Freedom of Information Act after its 1974 amending. It was Edward Kennedy who saw to it that the legislative history is clear on this. The investigatory files exemption was amended back to its original intent over one of my earliest of at least a dozen FOIA lawsuits. Judge-shopping and lying its head off the FBI had the Act rewritten in courts.

In an effort to cope with endless perjury and not a little suborning of it I decided that rather than rely on lawyer's pleading I would make myself subject to perjury if I ^{lied} ~~lied~~ attributing it to the FBI. As I did at least a dozen times, under oath myself and never charged. In the end I got about a quarter of a million pages on the JFK assassination and, with those I got on the King assassination, about a third of a million in all - and I got them without charge!

They have trouble handling someone not afraid of ^{them} ~~that~~ and laying it on them. It worked well for me.

When I saw and heard some of the Hartz cross-examination yesterday I was reminded of a part of Sanford Ungar's ~~FBI~~-assisted book of 1975, enclosed, and how true I found what he says to be when I deposed four of those lab agents. What I got from them is worthwhile for the record for history but it meant nothing before a sycophantic judge and the Reaganized appeals court. They are trained to confound defense lawyers, their training adapted to their personalities so it appears more natural.

I was further reminded of that case when I saw Hartz, with a straight face, testify that he destroyed the records of his test to save space. In my lawsuit, not under oath but with twice-removed hearsay the FBI explained its destruction of what was strictly prohibited by saying it alone of more than a dozen of those things was destroyed to save space. The space saved with the thickness of a piece of film, the film made by the false flame in spectrographic examination! Not by coincidence that destruction ended the proof that the FBI had lied in the JFK assassination testimony. (I go into that a bit in my current book NEVER AGAIN! The publisher in his wisdom in

addition to omitting the index also omitted the subtitle from the cover. It is The Government Conspiracy in the JFK Assassination. The appendix was omitted but I have the documents and I've had not a peep in the more than two months the book has been on sale.

So you can understand this one of a multitude of illustrations of what the FBI is capable of, that spectrographic examination was supposedly of the curve on a curb-stone struck during the assassinatuon. The curb was pagthed, the FBI knew it, it dug it up and took it to Washington where the Lab went through the farce of examination and then lied to the Commission about the alleged results.

And then saved face by destroying the film to "save space." *Like Butch!*

In the records I got relating to the King assassination were two headquarters and Memphis filed office files on the sanitation-workers strike in support of which Dr. King was there and an informal group of young Memphis blacks who took the name of a then popular TV program, "The Invaders." In those records I learned a little about the FBI's filing to frustrate search, what the file numbering means, where they distributed copies of domestic spying on blacks and their interests and other such things. I believe that if in the Black Panther case you seek FBI information I may be able to help you or any assistant you may have working on that case. I also learned in other cases and from other files what may be relevant and of possible use.

If that was a San Francisco case and there was prejudicial leaking there or at HQ I can tell you where the records of it, if hidden, can be hidden. And ingored on search. The same is true of its electronic surveillances. In his Pulitzer book Dave Garrow ~~was~~ was able to get the still-existing electronic surveillances because of what I showed him about their existence and where and how they were hidden. If you are familiar with that book, the Levison records in particular.

If I can be of use and if you or one of your people phones, in order to cope with several medical problems I must be abed by six p.m. out time. I've been up today since slightly after midnight and can't help that.

If you have an associate in the Washington or Baltimore area, we are about an hour away, perhaps a little more, depending on where they are.

Your LAPD did a little "space-saving" in the Robert Kennedy case. After getting together with the chief and case judges and explaining how they were going to preserve the very evidence they destroyed. I have the transcript, used part of it in my 1975 book Post Mortem, there was no defense lawyer present, and again not a peep of complaint.

Without any question at all, the FBI framed Oswald, I have published enough of the proof from its own records. I believe I could now walk Ray, whose investigator I was in getting him an evidentiary hearing and for that hearing but I have no association with his present counsel and want none. Another frame, believe, me, and I've the proof in its own records. If these seems extreme and you want references, please ask.

Good luck! Harold Weisberg *Harold Weisberg*